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INTER-STATE NARCO-MODULE

Strong links traced from Kupwara to Punjab's Ludhiana: J&K DGP



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SRINAGAR, OCT 12

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh of Police Thursday said that the links of the Inter State narco-module busted a few days ago have been traced from north Kashmir's Kupwara district to Ludhiana Punjab. He said that eight people have been arrested so far—four from Kupwara and four from Punjab while 30 kgs of cocaine, Rs 5 crore cash, 40 fake number plates of vehicles, passports and a Germany made

revolver have been recovered. Addressing the press conference District Police Lines (DPL) Jammu, DGP Singh, as per news agency, said that Ramban police recently intercepted the vehicle and recovered 30 kg of cocaine-like substance. "Though the final report of FSL is awaited, it seems that the recovered substance is cocaine," the DGP said, adding that four people from northern Kashmir's Kupwara district have been arrested. "During the course of investigation, it was found that links of

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In past 33 years, 2023 to go as peaceful ever year in J&K's history: DGP Dilbagh Singh

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JAMMU, OCT 12

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh said for the first time in the past 33 years, the year 2023 will be recorded as the peaceful ever year in the history of UT while as the "law

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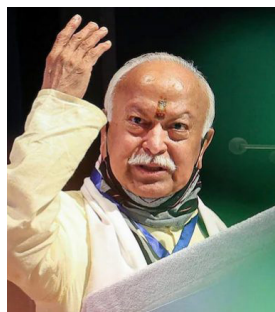
Sanatan Dharma is 'synonymous' with India : RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat

JI NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, OCT 12

Sanatan Dharma is "synonymous" with India and the country's culture is based on it, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Thursday.

In an apparent reference to DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin's controversial comments on Sanatan Dharma last month, he said that saying that it should be destroyed is like harming oneself.

Stalin had claimed that Sanatan Dharma is against social justice and it



should be eradicated. "We have to live by this Sanatan," the RSS chief said, adding that "ye Sanatan Bharat ke saath ekroop hai (Sanatan is synonymous with India)".

Bhagwat was addressing a gathering at an event at the Baba Mastnath Math in Haryana's Rohtak. "...Sanatan Dharma he Hindu rashtra hai, ye apne rashtra ke saath ekroop hai (Sanatan Dharma is Hindu rashtra, it is synonymous with the country)", he said. "Our culture is based on Sanatan. The values of our religion are

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President visits Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine; inaugurates prestigious projects for the devotees ahead of Navratras

JI NEWS SERVICE
KATRA, OCTOBER 12

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu today visited the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji and paid obeisance at the sanctum sanctorum. She prayed for the prosperity and well-being of fellow citizens.

She was accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha. This is the first visit of Smt. Droupadi Murmu as President to the Holy Shrine. On arrival at the Panchhi Helipad, the President was received by Sh. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

The President inaugurated various state-of-the-art pilgrim-centric facilities at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. These included 250-meter long and 2.5 mtr. wide

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Chief Secretary for start of month long cleanliness drive in govt offices



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today urged the Divisional and District administrations to carryout a month long cleanliness drive in all the government offices and schools of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Secretary, Tourism and Culture, both the Divisional Commissioners and all Deputy Commissioners of the UT.

While taking review of the Swachhta Mission here in J&K, Dr Mehta

impressed upon the officers that since our villages have been declared as ODF+ Model category, it is imperative to make all our offices junk-free besides enhancing their ambience and sprucing up their surroundings.

The Chief Secretary maintained that nearly 50000 office premises including government school buildings should be properly cleaned to make them clean and aesthetic. He asked them to install dust bins besides giving facelift to these structures including cutting of grass and whitewashing of their interiors and exteriors. He stressed on making

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J&K braces for 4-day wet spell as weatherman predicts rains, snowfall from Saturday

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCT 12

Jammu and Kashmir is all set to witness a four-day wet spell commencing from Saturday as the weatherman here has stated that two back-to-back Western Disturbances are affecting the Union Territory from October 13 evening.

Earlier, J&K parts recorded two-day wet spell while several higher reaches of Kashmir and Banihal in Jammu division experienced fresh snowfall as well.

Deputy Director Meteorological department (MeT) told the news agency, there is a possibility of rainfall in plains and snowfall in higher reaches from October 13 evening to October 17 evening.

"The higher reaches would likely receive snowfall from 2 inches to 6 inches during the four-day wet spell in J&K," MeT Deputy Director said, adding that the temperature across the Union Territory would also go down.

The weather conditions are expected to improve from October 18 morning, he added.

Giving details about prediction of wet spell, Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng told KNO that on October 14, a spell of rain and snow is expected in most parts, especially in Kashmir region while on October 15, there is a possibility of intermittent rain and snow while in some areas, the day may predominantly remain overcast with little or no precipitation.

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India's voice getting stronger in a World surrounded by challenges: PM Modi in Uttarakhand

AGENCIES
PITHORAGARH, OCT 12

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that India's voice is getting stronger in a world surrounded by challenge-



es and asserted that the country's power was acknowledged internationally during the G20 Summit.

Addressing a public rally here, the prime minister

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Dr Jitendra Singh launches state-of-art national survey network

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 12

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today launched state-of-art latest National Survey Network. The nationwide "Continuously Operating Reference Stations" (CORS) Network will be operated by the Survey of India.

"India now has a world class Precise Location based service, which are capable of providing centimetre level positioning services in real-time," he said.

The Survey of India has set up more than 1,000 CORS stations across India, which are capable of providing centimetre level positioning services in real time.



Dr Jitendra Singh said we now have Indian data for Indian solutions.

"The Government has initiated several growth-oriented initiatives the SVAMITVA project for mapping of rural abadi areas, the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity, Smart Cities & AMRUT Project for urban

development, Bharatmala and Sagarmala Projects for improving the logistics sector, National Hydrology Project to harness water resources and multiple other infrastructural and developmental projects. The common thread among all these projects is the requirement of high-accuracy mapping and

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Govt launches bidding for City Gas distribution network in J&K, N-E

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 12

India on Thursday offered CNG retailing licenses in seven areas mostly in the North East and J&K for bidding in the latest round, as the government looks to expand the reach of natural gas in the country. Petroleum and Natural Gas

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Demining operation in Leh, 175 mines destroyed

AGENCIES
LEH/JAMMU, OCT 12

The Army conducted a demining operation in three areas of Leh district and destroyed 175 mines, officials said on Thursday.

This has been done on the demand of locals living along the Line of Actual Control (LAC)

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First chartered flight to bring back around 230 people from Israel by Friday: MEA

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, OCT 12

A charter flight is expected to reach Israel's capital city Tel Aviv by this evening and return to India with around 230 passengers on board by Friday morning, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said today.

"As announced by EAM yesterday, Operation Ajay has been launched to facilitate the return from Israel of our citizens who wish to come back. The first charter flight will be reaching Tel Aviv later tonight to pick up the Indian citizens and is likely to return to India tomorrow morning," the external affairs ministry spokesperson said while addressing a media briefing here today.

"We are keeping a close watch on the situation in Israel," Bagchi



said.

The MEA spokesperson also said that there were no Indian casualties so far.

"We haven't heard of any casualty so far," he said.

"Around 18,000 Indians are in Israel. There is conflict going on and it is a matter of concern. Indians advised to follow advisories issued by our mission,"

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Special Campaign 3.0

Fire & Emergency Services launches Swachhata across its Stations & offices in J&K



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

In order to carry forward the mission of improving overall cleanliness of offices with special focus on space management, the department of Fire & Emergency Services, has started the special campaign at a large scale in all Fire & Emergency Stations and offices across the UT of J&K. During the cleanliness programme, a mega drive has been launched for cleanliness, space management and beautification of all Fire & Emergency Stations and Offices under the theme 'Clean India, Healthy India'. Besides, in order to expand the cleanliness drive programme to other areas, the Fire & Emergency Services in coordination with Waqf

Board Srinagar conducted cleanliness drives at three historical shrines of Makhdoom Sahib, Peer Dastageer Sahib and Jenab Sahab Saura. To make the special campaign 3.0 a success, Alok Kumar (ADGP) Director Fire & Emergency Services J&K is personally supervising and monitoring the programme. He has issued directions to all the Command Officers and Jawans to commit themselves to cleanliness and carry out comprehensive cleanliness drives in their respective stations/offices in order to contribute towards creating a healthy and harmonious atmosphere in their workplaces and surroundings. Meanwhile this drive that was started from 2nd of October, shall continue up to 31 October, 2023.

Convocation Day held at ITI Shopian

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, OCTOBER 12

The 2nd Convocation Day was celebrated at Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Shopian today which brought together students, parents, faculty, and esteemed guests to celebrate the accomplishments of our talented Technicians. The Convocation Day event featured a series of highlights, including a welcome address by Superintendent ITI Shopian, who congratulated the pass out trainees and encouraged them to pursue their dreams with determination and enthusiasm. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Raja Waheed and Muzaffar Ahmad, DDC Members, Shopian whose insightful address inspired Technicians as they embarked on their professional journeys. On the occasion, diplomas and certificates were distributed among 165 pass out students who acquired skills in ten trades at ITI Shopian. Each student was recog-

nized for dedication, hard work, and achievements during their time at the institute. The program also included heartwarming success stories and testimonials from some of the pass outs, highlighting the transformative impact of their training at ITI Shopian. These stories served as a source of inspiration to their peers and underlined the institute's commitment to empowering individuals with the skills and knowledge necessary for success in their chosen careers. Cultural performances, showcasing the diverse talents of students, added a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere to the event. These performances underscored the importance of nurturing not only technical skills but also creativity and self-expression. The Convocation Day celebration concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Sajad Ibrahim, expressing gratitude to all who made the event possible, including faculty, staff, parents, and sponsors.

SP College organized Awareness event on Oral Hygiene



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

Sri Pratap College, Srinagar in collaboration with 'Safe Hands', 'Dental Health & Awareness Centre' today organised an awareness event on oral hygiene themed 'Reach them Early Make them Healthy' in the auditorium of the College. The event was aimed at raising awareness among the students and the faculty regarding oral hygiene and Dental health. The event was attended by about 150 student participants and most of the fac-

ulty of the Institution. In his welcome/Inaugural address, Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi highlighted the importance of such health related events in the present day emerging circumstance of health crises. Principal assured the gathering that conducting such events is a priority in future as well. Dr. Moomin Rashid and Dr. Shahina Yasmin were the resource persons for the said event. Prof. Magray Ajaz Ahmad conducted the proceedings and the event ended with a brainstorming Question Answer session and a pledge to abide by the preventive measures for Dental health and Oral hygiene.

2 Day Science Teacher Training Program by Education Department culminates successfully in Kishtwar



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 12

The two-day science teacher training program was recently organized by the Department of Education in the Kishtwar district and concluded successfully here today. The event, held on October 11 and 12, 2023, aimed at enhancing the quality of science education in the region, particularly in the context of the newly inaugurated Vigyan Shakti (STEM Lab). Five schools in the district actively participated in this crucial training initiative, with two science teachers from each school, totaling 10 teachers in attendance. The program was organized under the auspices of the Chief Education Officer's office headed by

CEO Kishtwar Prehlad Bhagat, emphasizing the district's commitment to advancing education. The training program commenced on October 11th, with an inaugural ceremony attended by the Chief Education Officer, Deputy CEO, and representatives from the Respire Group. Their presence underscored the significance of teacher training in the educational landscape of Kishtwar. On the second day of the program, Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS), Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar, visited the training and motivated the participating teachers, inspiring them to excel in their teaching roles. The participating teachers exhibited great enthusiasm and actively engaged in group activities geared towards improv-

ing their teaching skills. Their dedication and positive energy made the CEO-Kishtwar training a valuable experience for all involved. As a result of this initiative, a total of 5 teachers have completed the training, promising a positive impact on science education in the district. Additionally, the Respire Group introduced the Respire Experiential Learning mobile application during the training program. This application is designed to provide science teachers with a platform to access problem-solving and science lab-related video content, thereby enhancing their teaching methods. It will serve as a valuable resource, offering a wide range of materials, support, and innovative teaching ideas for educators.

Vikas Kundal flags off Anti Drug Rally

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 12

In a stride toward realising the vision of an "Addiction-Free India" or "Nasha Mukh Bharat," Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, led an awareness rally with students today. The event began at the DC office complex and concluded at the PWD Dak Bungalow, echoing a resounding message against the scourge of drug addiction. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal addressed the gathering, shedding light on the objectives and significance of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan. Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan is a nationwide initiative aimed at providing institutional support and empowering community outreach programs to create a society free from the clutches of various harmful addictions, including alcohol and drug abuse.



Vikas Kundal emphasized that the fight against addiction is a collective responsibility, stressing the importance of coming together to eliminate this problem, break the supply chain and hold those involved in drug abuse accountable for their actions. He underscored the district administration's commitment to steer the youth away from the dangerous path of drug addiction and encouraged the rally's participants to take the message to villages and schools, educating them about the devastating effects of drug abuse. Speaking at the event, Deputy Commissioner

Vikas Kundal stated, "The growing menace of drug addiction among our youth is a serious concern. It is our duty to protect the future of our nation by addressing this issue head-on. The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan is not just a campaign; it's a movement that requires collective efforts to eradicate addiction from the roots." Among the others who attended the event were the Additional Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Deputy DEO, Babu Ram Tandan; DSWO, Abdul Rahim; and other concerned stakeholders.

Vikas Kundal chairs mega programme on "Meri Maati Mera Desh" in Rajouri block



J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, OCTOBER 12

District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, led a program today in Rajouri Block, "Meri Maati Mera Desh," celebrating the unity and patriotism of the local community. Prominent figures, including BDC Rajouri, Darbar Chowdhury; 2nd IC CRPF 72 Bn Rajouri, Vivek Sakseena; 2nd IC BSF, Anil Kumar Lal; ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ACD Vijay Kumar, ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; DPO, Auqil Nuavid; DYO, Nitin Hanglu; BDO Rajouri, along with several other officers and officials, graced the

occasion. During the event, artists performed stirring patriotic songs, igniting a profound sense of national pride among the attendees. District Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal delivered a moving address, highlighting the pivotal role played by India's freedom fighters in shaping the nation's destiny. He emphasised the need to remember and honour these brave individuals whose sacrifices laid the foundation for India's independence, urging the youth to connect with their stories and struggles. Understanding the sacri-

fices made by these heroes can serve as a wellspring of inspiration for the younger generation, providing a deeper appreciation of the principles of liberty, justice and equality that underpin India's democracy today. He encouraged the youth to carry forward the legacy of these luminaries by becoming responsible citizens who uphold the values for which these freedom fighters fought. The campaign reminds the people of Rajouri about their profound bond with the soul of India, igniting a sense of responsibility among the youth to carry the torch of freedom and progress into the future.

Government Women's ITI Jammu honours graduates at Convocation

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

The Government Women Industrial Training Institute, Jammu, celebrated the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh 2nd Skill Convocation Ceremony on 12th October 2023 and honoured more than 100 graduating trainees. Ms. Sulekha Manhas welcomed all the graduating trainees and extended her congratulations to the top performers in various trades. The Superintendent of Women ITI Jammu distributed National Trade Certificates and mementos to the successful trade toppers in the fields of COPA, Fashion Design Technology, Cosmetology, Early Childhood Educator and Computer Hardware & Network Maintenance Trade. He also commend-



ed the institution for its outstanding performance in providing quality training to the youth in different trades. He encouraged the young trainees to take advantage of all the opportunities provided by the government to establish their own businesses. He emphasised that learning is an ongoing process and the knowledge

one acquires becomes meaningful when applied to bring about positive change. Er. Anvil Mahajan conveyed a vote of thanks, extending best wishes to all trainees and expressing gratitude to all the dedicated team members for their contributions and hard work in ensuring the success of this event.

DC Ramban chairs meeting of District Level Committee for implementation of PMMSY

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Musaroh Islam chaired the District Cooperative Development Committee (DCDC) meeting at the DC Office Complex, Ramban in order to discuss and assess the operations of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) within the district & to discuss in detail the formation of viable one PACS per panchayat. During the meeting, threadbare discussions were conducted covering several key aspects, including the adoption status of model bye-laws by all 13 PACS of the district & the project of Computerization of PACS. The meeting also addressed district-wise targets for establishing new dairy and fisheries Cooperative Societies, the PMKSK initiative, the



formulation of Farmers' Producer Organizations (FPOs) by PACS, identification of PACS for convergence with the PM-KUSUM scheme, utilizing PACS as Common Service Centers, and establishing Jan Aushadhi Kendras to improve access to generic medicines at the rural level. The Deputy Commissioner issued essential directives to relevant departments emphasizing the need for close coordination to revitalize the PACS in the district. He urged these departments to expedite the development of an action plan & work in collaboration for achieving all the targets

within stipulated time. Meanwhile, in the District Level Committee for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), the Deputy Commissioner also approved three cases including 2 for trout fish farms and one for Kiosk for the district. Notable attendees at the meeting included Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Kumar Sharma, ADC, Harbansh Sharma, Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Ramban, CMO, CAO, CAHO, AD fisheries, DDM, NABARD and representatives from allied departments.

World Sight Day DC Kupwara inaugurates Special Eye Screening Camp

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 12

On the eve of 'World Sight Day', the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today inaugurated a 'Special Eye Screening camp' at D.C Office, here. The Camp was organized by District Health Society Kupwara under the banner "Love Your Eyes at Work" in which an Ophthalmology Surgeon and Ophthalmology Technician were deployed. On the occasion, the DC appreciated the efforts of the Health Department Kupwara for organizing the Eye Screening camp. She asked the concerned to continue such initiatives which will benefit the people in large. Meanwhile, eye screening of around 50 employees of D.C Office Complex were held during the Special Eye Screening camp. It was informed that Eye Screening checkups were also held in all Health Institutions of the district including CHCs, PHCs and H&WCs in which eye checkups of large numbers of people were carried out. Chief Medical Officer Kupwara and Medical Superintendent SDH Kupwara and other officers and officials were present at the event.

Evacuee Property Department reclaims land from illegal occupants at Jammu



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

In compliance with the directives of the Custodian General of J&K, Mr. Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS), the Evacuee Property Department in Jammu has initiated an eviction drive to reclaim EP Land from illegal occupants and land grabbers. For this purpose, an eviction team was formed under the close supervision of Custodian Jammu, Mr. Ravinder Sharma (JKAS) and was led by Deputy Custodian (HQ) Jammu, Mr. Aijaz Ahmed. The team included various field inspectors from District Jammu and other officials from the EP Department. The team received assistance from revenue authorities, including the Naib Tehsildar, Girdawar and Patwari of the relevant revenue halqa. These

authorities had previously identified and demarcated the EP Land, situated at Narwal Pain in Jammu, measuring 15 kanals and 02 marlas under khasra no 64. This land, according to prevailing market rates, is valued at over 30 crore rupees. The SHO Satwari provided the necessary police force to ensure the security of the eviction drive, which was executed smoothly and successfully. The EP land was successfully reclaimed and signboards were installed around the area to inform the general public. The department also takes this opportunity to inform the public that encroachments on EP Land will be dealt with firmly and all necessary legal steps will be taken to counter the actions of illegal occupants, encroachers and trespassers concerning EP Land.

DC Kupwara inaugurates Mega Ayush Medical Camp at Kralpora

JINNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, OCTOBER 12

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Thursday inaugurated Mega Ayush Health Awareness Medical camp at Govt. Ayush Dispensary, Kralpora (Kupwara) under Ayushman Bhava.

The Mega Health camp witnessed massive response from Patients from Kralpora and its peripheral villages where hundreds of patients swarmed the camp to consult Ayush specialists.

This Ayush Camp was unique of its kind in which, free registrations, free NCD screening, Counseling, Yoga session for visitors, free general/specialized consultations, free Ayush therapies and free medicines were provided to patients suffering from health issues.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that it is necessary to organize



Health camps to connect the general public with health services and to educate them about the beneficial schemes of the health department.

She said, it should be our endeavor that the benefits of the schemes run by the government reach the last beneficiary living in remote areas. She said that people should be health conscious and get their tests done in time and get treated.

The DC laid emphasis on ensuring screening of NCDS and taking it to the door step of every household.

District Ayush Officer Kupwara, Dr. Raja Amjad Ali Khan apprised the DC that construction of Ayush Dispensary at Kralpora has been approved under National Health Mission and the work has been tendered out with a project cost of Rs. 30 lakhs, and Ayush Building, Yoga Hall,

a Lab and an IT Room will be constructed.

The DC directed the executing agency (R&B) to speed up the construction of Ayush Dispensary so that it is completed within stipulated time.

Ayushi also inspected various sections of the Ayush Dispensary and interacted with the patients and doctors and enquired about the facilities available for the patients.

DDC Member, Kralpora Adv. Masrat; District Ayush Officer Kupwara; BMO Kralpora; other Officers, doctors and Para Medical staff of Govt. Ayush Dispensary Kralpora were present on the occasion.

The DC later visited the Khargund village where she inspected work on under construction 15-mtr. Span bridge at Khargund on Nallah Hud which is being constructed by R&B Department under ADF (PRIs) with a project cost of Rs. 90 lakhs.

DC Doda asks for early completion of Multi-Storey Car parking

JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, while inspecting the installation of the first lintel for the under-construction Multi-Storey Car Parking/Bus Stand project in Doda today, urged the relevant department to expedite the completion of this important project.

The goal is to alleviate the frequent traffic jams and congestion in Doda town, providing relief to commuters. The construction work for this substantial project, valued at Rs 32 crores, is progressing swiftly and is expected to meet the set timeline, fulfilling the long-standing aspirations of the people of Doda.

The first phase, covering an area of approximately 5000 sq feet, saw the installation of a concrete lintel today. The ceremony was attended by DC Doda, President



Municipal Council Doda Ved Prakash Gupta, SE PWD (R&B) RP Gupta, Executive Engineer PWD Division Doda, EO MC Doda and other relevant officials.

DC Doda directed the authorities to ensure the next phase of the lintel is completed before Diwali. He also conducted a comprehensive review of the overall construction progress and engaged with the relevant authorities to discuss

ways to accelerate the project's execution.

To ensure smooth progress, DC Doda instructed the executive officer to clear any unwanted structures near the construction site that might impede the project. Speaking to the media, DC Doda expressed confidence that the ongoing work on this substantial project would be completed within the given timeline.

Furthermore, DC Doda announced that the district administration has plans to alleviate traffic congestion in the town by commencing work on Ghat road, Parmaaz road and the proposed road connectivity from Ganpat bridge to Dessa road.

Upon returning home, DC Doda encountered a traffic situation and promptly issued directives to address incorrectly parked vehicles.

Div Com for maintenance of roads, traffic regulation, operations of IMTS cameras



JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 12

To expedite development of infrastructure and beautification of City, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting, here to review the progress of various Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) Projects and directly linked departments.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Commissioner SMC/CEO SSCL; VC LCMA; SSP, Traffic Police, Srinagar; CE, R&B; officers of PDD, PHE, I&FC, Sports department were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Div Com emphasized on the operation of all the IMTS cameras installed at 63 junctions at the earliest for the regulation of traf-

fic flow and maintaining of strong vigil to detect the mischief or damage of public property.

The meeting was informed that about 1100 cameras at 49 junctions out of 63 junctions are functional.

Regarding ongoing rectification work at MA Road and other pending work, the meeting was informed that 95 percent work has been completed and the remaining part shall be completed in coming days.

The Div Com, impressed to expedite the work on the Road as too much time was consumed to give final finishing touch to Road.

He reiterated once again on the concerned officers to complete the works in Nehru Park besides he also instructed for increasing the turning radius of the left junction

at Sangarmal.

Similarly, Div Com directed for development of the parking area at Hat-Trick Chowk and completion of Toilet Blocks here. Moreover, a detailed discussion was held regarding traffic management at Jahangir Chowk which witnesses frequent traffic congestion during morning and evening hours.

Also, he directed the painting of Foreshore Road sides, maintenance of footpaths and establishment of Cycle Yard.

The Div Com called for making Dal Lake, Abdullah Bridge and Budshah Bridge vibrant during night through illumination and colorful lights. He directed for keeping Lake clean and starting the different Sports activities to attract visitors and promote tourism.

IIT Jammu observes World Mental Health Day 2023

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu celebrated World Mental Health Day 2023 with an insightful and informative event designed to enhance knowledge, raise awareness and inspire actions that promote and safeguard mental health as a universal human right. This event, organised by the Counseling Services at IIT Jammu, featured a guest talk on "Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion" at the Jagti Campus.

The event was graced by the presence of distinguished speakers, Prof Noam Shpancer and Dr. Ragul Ganesh, who shared their expertise

and perspectives on fostering resilient mental health. The distinguished



guests captivated the audience with their profound insights into the world of mental health.

Prof Noam Shpancer, a renowned professor of Psychology who received his PhD at Purdue University, specialises in clinical research and developmental psychology, with a particular focus on the assessment and treatment of anxiety disorders.

During his address, Prof Shpancer emphasised three critical points: the significance of mental health, the equivalence of psychological pain and

physical pain and the profound impact of loneliness on physical health, including decreased immune function. He stressed the connection between mental disorders such as depression and anxiety and their consequences, highlighting that these issues are not only detrimental to an individual's well-being but also result in 12 billion lost days in the USA and trillions of lost dollars linked to physical health conditions.

Dr. Ragul Ganesh, an Assistant Professor at AIIMS Jammu, is an expert

in Substance Addiction, Smartphone Addiction, Neurotic and Psychotic Disorders and Tele-Psychiatry. In his engaging talk, Dr. Ganesh encouraged the audience to become advocates for mental health. He cited examples of prominent figures, including Ben Stokes, Glen Maxwell, Virat Kohli, Michael Phelps, JK Rowling and Buzz Aldrin, who have openly discussed their mental health challenges. Dr. Ganesh emphasised the need to address mental health concerns to unlock one's full potential and prioritised the importance of valuing sleep.

The event also featured an interactive Q&A session where attendees had the opportunity to engage with the speakers and further deepen their understanding of mental health issues.

During the event, Dr. Subhasis Bhattacharjee, Associate Dean of Student Advising, presented a token of appreciation to Prof Shpancer and Dr. Ganesh in the form of a souvenir from IIT Jammu. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Ms. Himanshi Singh, Institute Counselor and a clinical psychologist by profession, setting a positive tone for the enlightening discussions that followed.

IIT Jammu remains dedicated to fostering a culture that recognises the significance of mental health and continues to provide resources and support to its community in this endeavour. The institution firmly believes that good mental health is not only a personal benefit but also a fundamental pillar in achieving individual and collective success.

DC Doda flags off 10-day residential trekking

JINNEWS SERVICE
DODA, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, inaugurated a 10-day residential trekking expedition for boys and girls in the age groups U-14 and U-17. This exciting expedition was organised by the District Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Department in Doda. The expedition's primary objective is to foster a love for adventure sports among the youth and offer them the chance to explore the natural beauty of the region.

DC Doda also assured the participants that the district administration would extend all necessary support and resources to ensure the expedition's success.

During the flag-off ceremony, DC Doda encour-



aged the participants to seize this opportunity and develop a spirit of adventure and teamwork. He emphasised the significance of physical fitness and outdoor activities in the holistic development of young individuals.

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He expressed his hope that this initiative would inspire more young people to actively engage in sports and adventure activities. The 10-day trekking expedition will encompass various scenic locations in the district, offering the participants a chance to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of Doda. It promises to be a memorable and enriching experience for all involved.

DC approves 11 cases under PMFME in Rajouri



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RAJOURI, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal, presided over a pivotal meeting dedicated to reviewing and approving cases submitted under the prestigious Prime Minister's Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme.

This flagship initiative by the Central Government aims to provide financial aid to bolster the capabilities of micro food processing enterprises, supporting activities such as infrastructure development, technology acquisition and marketing assistance.

After careful deliberation, Deputy Commissioner granted his approval to a total of 11 cases, paving the way for beneficiaries to access financial support under this laudable initiative. He emphasised the importance of equipping beneficiaries with comprehensive information and unwavering support related to the PMFME scheme, including the swift disbursement of funds. He

stressed the necessity for rigorous monitoring of the progress made by these enterprises, ensuring that the allocated funds are deployed judiciously for their intended purposes.

The meeting concluded with directives issued to officers to work closely in tandem, aiming for the seamless implementation of the PMFME scheme throughout the district. With the approval of these 11 cases, the district administration has taken a monumental stride towards fostering the growth of the micro food processing sector, actively contributing to employment opportunities and the overall development of the district.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; Chief Agriculture Officer, Sohan Singh; Chief Horticulture Officer, Madan Lal Tak; Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Dr. Khalid Husain; Lead District Manager, Sanjeev Bhasin, alongside other concerned officers.

DC Poonch reviews progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in district

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POONCH, OCTOBER 12

District Development Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary chaired a meeting to review the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The primary objective of the mission is to ensure access to potable drinking water for every household in the district.

During the meeting, a comprehensive discussion took place, focusing

on the "Har Ghar Jal with Nal" initiative. The SE Hydraulic Circle Poonch updated the chair on the current status of the JJM scheme's implementation in the district.

The Deputy Commissioner personally assessed the progress of the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme with the assistance of the Assistant Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers and other officers. The Deputy Commissioner



took stock of the work carried out under the Jal Jeevan Mission in each panchayat of the district.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Engineers to strive towards achieving the

target of providing "Har Ghar Jal" (water in every household) by the end of December. Furthermore, the DC urged all AEEs, AEs and JEs to expedite the execution of the JJM projects throughout the district.

The DC warned that contractors not adhering to timelines will be black-listed and strict action will be taken against the officers or engineers who are found showing callousness. He also exhorted the officers to bring in notice

the reasons for delay of any work and the details of the contractors responsible for the delay.

The focus of this review meeting was to ensure the timely and efficient execution of the JJM projects in Poonch, aligning with the vision of the "Har Ghar Jal with Nal" initiative. The meeting was attended by SE Hydraulic Circle Poonch, Executive Engineer (PHE), AEEs, AEs, JEs of PHE and AEE PDD and concerned contractors.

Kashmir centric political parties never allowed democracy to flourish in J&K: Sham Lal Sharma

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JAMMU, OCT 12

"The so-called all party Dharna was a flop show. There was no participation by all the parties in this Dharna and the leaders like Farooq, Mehbooba remained absent in the Dharna. The reason may be that the Dharna was organized at Maharaja Hari Singh ji Park, as the Kashmir centric political parties still do not respect the great Dogra ruler; they opted to remain away from this venue", said Sham Lal Sharma.

It reflects their mindset, that ousted the Maharaja from J&K has not changed during all these years. The Maharaja who was a great reformer, visionary, a revolutionary and a patriotic ruler to forcefully establish the idea of free India in First Indian Round Table Conference



held in London. Maharaja joined the whole of Jammu & Kashmir including the areas that are now under illegal occupation of Pakistan and China due to these political parties. Sham Sharma further questioned, "What kind of Democracy these parties had been advocating? Fact is that they never allowed democracy to flourish in Jammu & Kashmir. PRIs, Local Bodies were not in place for years together. They

murdered democracy at every step and now shedding crocodile tears!" BJP Vice-President & former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, alongwith Vice-President & former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, Secretary Vikas Choudhary and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Incharge Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, was listening to the grievance of people during weekly Public Darbar at party headquarter, Jammu.

Chander Mohan Gupta, speaking on the occasion, maintained that BJP has always worked on the principle of 'Nation First, Party Second and Self Last' and has delivered on the promises it made with the masses. He said that these parties misused the power for their own benefits and betrayed the masses on every occasion and once again, they are hatching conspiracy for their own explicit interests. Vikas Choudhary said that the BJP works for the people for 365 days in a year and with no hidden agenda, it believes that public service is the ultimate motto of the party. Dilbahadur Singh Jamwal said that the BJP leaders took up every issue of the visiting deputations with the concerned department officials for early disposals.

Col Mahan facilitates resolution of 15-year old dispute at Thein, RSD Barrage

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KATHUA, OCT 12

A significant breakthrough in resolving a long-standing dispute took place during a tripartite meeting held at Thein (Kathua). The meeting, which involved the Border Roads Organization (BRO), Ranjit Sagar Dam (RSD) Authority, and DDC Chairman Kathua, successfully addressed issues related to the maintenance responsibility of the Dhar-Udhampur road section from Kilometer (KM) 10th to 13th. This road segment, stretching from Thein Tee junction to Satwain Old Excise Check Post alongside the RSD reservoir, has faced neglect since 2008 due to unclarified boundaries, leading to severe inconvenience for daily commuters and vehicle traffic. The meeting was a collaborative effort initiated by Col Mahan Singh (Retd), DDC Chairman Kathua, with valuable contributions from Brig Tezpal Singh, Chief Engineer Headquarters Sampark, Kalu Chak Jammu, and Sher Singh, Chief Engineer RSD Shapur Kandi (Punjab). In attendance were Col Mahan, Amit Sharma, Executive Engineer RSD with Staff, and Avinash Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer from the 69 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF), along with JE Sandeep Kumar. After a thorough discussion during the meeting,



both parties presented their respective claims and counterclaims. The documents and sketches submitted by the RSD visiting team were considered the most up-to-date and definitive in the handover of the road section. The matter was amicably resolved and found agreeable to all stakeholders. Moving forward, the responsibility for maintaining this 3-kilometer dilapidated road stretch will be taken over by the 69 BRTF, Border Roads, Project Sampark. The Border Roads Organization has committed to improving and macadamizing this road promptly in the interest of the public. DDC Chairman expressed his heartfelt congratulations to the people of Kathua, particularly those residing in the hilly regions of Basohli, Bani, and Billawar, for the successful resolution of this 15-year-old dispute. This development is expected to alleviate the inconveniences faced by commuters and vehicle traffic on this crucial road, contributing to the overall improvement of transportation infrastructure in the region.

2-Day Dogri Writers Conference begins at JKAACL Jammu



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JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) have successfully begun today with a 2-Day Dogri writers Conference at JKAACL premises in Jammu. The title of the conference was Patriotism in the Dogri Literature of 21st Century.

The Conference was inaugurated in a traditional way by presentation of Kud Dance by Shaptan Singh & group followed by Lighting of lamp by Padamshree N.D. Jamwal, prominent writer/ artist in the presence of Padamshri Mohan Singh, Prof Lalit Mangotra and Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL.

At the outset, Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL, gave a heartfelt cordial welcome to everyone. While addressing the audience, he expressed that writer are the face of society; they represent the inner thoughts of the social fabric through their ink; it is indeed a special skill. Padamshri Mohan Singh presented keynote address on Patriotism in the Dogri Literature of 21st Century.

While speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Prof Lalit Mangotra praised the efforts of JKAACL in promoting literature and culture of J&K. He appreciated the selection of the topic for the conference which is appropriate in the present context.

In his presidential address Padamshri N.D. Jamwal appreciated the efforts of JKAACL specially the Secretary Bharat Singh for taking JKAACL to the new heights by organising such literary and cultural activities. He stressed upon the need to encourage new generation of writers to write on various aspects of socio themes. Dr. Shah Nawaz, Editor Cum cultural Officer, JKAACL presented Vote of thanks. He said that such initiatives will be taken in future also. The inaugural session was conducted by Ms. Reeta Khadyal, Editor Dogri, JKAACL.

The paper reading session was followed by Short story session in which Chaman Arora, Dr. Om Vidyarthi, Smt. Sudesh Raj, Smt. Krishna Sharma "Prem" and Nirmal Vikram presented their stories. This session was presided over by Dr. Om Goswami. At the conclusion of the event, Light Dogri music programme was presented by the renowned artists of Jammu and Kashmir like Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Reeta Khadyal, Dr. Ranjeet Singh Katoch and Ms Apoorva Jamwal. They were equally supported by Darbari Lal on Tabla, Rakesh Anand on Flute, Kamal Shama on Dholak and Vicky Gill on Synth. The songs were composed by Ravi Sharma. Reeta Khadyal presented the vote of thanks to all the participants especially the students from Department of Dogri Jammu University and M.A.M. College. The event was ably conducted by Sahil Badyal.

13 schools excel in Indian Army Quiz -Battle of Minds 2023

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JAMMU/KASHMIR

To commemorate the Silver Jubilee anniversary of the Kargil victory a special one-of-a-kind event titled "Vijay Se Vijay Tak" curated by the Indian Army was held at the iconic Kargil War Memorial in Dras, on 7 October 2023. The event was graced by Col Sonam Wangchuk, MVC (Retd) and Nub Sub Mehar Singh, VrC - two of the valiant warriors who had fought the Kargil war in 1999. In addition, there was a diverse audience comprising students, teachers and mentors hailing from the participating schools. A large number of serving JCOs and soldiers were also present to motivate the participants. The Indian Army Quiz - Battle of Minds 2023, witnessed an extraordinary display of knowledge and quick thinking at the haloed portals of the Kargil War Memorial by



bright, young, and enthusiastic four-member student teams from thirteen local Schools, located in the culturally, militarily, and historically significant -Kargil-Dras region. It was immensely heartening to note that 54% of the participating school teams were girls. These young minds engaged in a 30-minute-long spirited intellectual written battle-of-wits, testing their knowledge and fostering camaraderie and unity. Up for grabs were lucrative cash prizes and participation certificates for all the schools. What was of special interest was that these schools were also vying amongst themselves, for the coveted wildcard entry spot in the Quarterfinals of the Northern Command, set to take place in Srinagar on 26 October 2023. After a rigorous evaluation of the written answer sheets, the results were finally declassified. Army Goodwill School, Dras was the undisputed champion of the day. They were felicitated with a cash award of Rs 2500/-, participation certificates and a Wildcard Entry to the Northern Command Quarterfinals by the Chief Guest - Col Sonam Wangchuk (Retd), MVC in the presence of Col MS Rawat (Retd), Director, AWES, Northern Com-

mand and Col. RK Singh, Deputy Commander, 56 Mountain Brigade. Government High School, Kakkar and Himabass Public High School, Dras were the joint second position holders and were presented with a cash award of Rs 2000/- each and participation certificates. All the other participating schools were also honoured with certificates of participation and cash awards of Rs 1000/- each. One of the main objectives of the event was to inspire and motivate students from the 32,000-plus schools across India registered to participate in the Indian Army Quiz -

Battle of Minds 2023. "I am thankful to all my teammates for their team spirit. We have been dedicatedly preparing for this competition, and it feels incredible to see our efforts pay off. We are excited to represent our school and our city in the upcoming Quarterfinals," shared Ms Uma Farooq, Captain of the Army Goodwill School, Dras - the winning team. Speaking about the event, Col Gaurav Bhatia, PhD (Retd) asserted, "The Indian Army Quiz - Battle of Minds 2023, unequivocally represents the promotion of knowledge and the empower-

ment of today's youth, underscored by the overwhelming response, with a substantial number of students enthusiastically participating in this unique event." As an added incentive, enticing prizes await the participants of the 2023. The top twelve schools stand a chance to win buses, while students and their teachers can earn iPads and tablets as rewards for their excellence. Furthermore, cash prizes will not only be bestowed upon the ultimate winner but also on those who make it to the Semi-Finals and Quarterfinals, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to be recognized for their achievements. The online competition of the Indian Army Quiz - Battle of Minds, 2023, being hosted on www.indianarmyquiz.com commenced on 3rd October 2023, with the grand finale slated for 5th December 2023.

Journalist Rajesh Parashar sets example of honesty by returning Rs 45,000 to JK Bank, Sunderbani

J NEWS SERVICE
SUNDERBANI, OCT 12

Honestly is still alive in Sunderbani the whole matter is of Sunderbani, the main branch of Jammu and Kashmir Bank. Here, Sunderbani's well-known senior journalist Acharya Rajesh Parashar reached the old main branch of Jammu and Kashmir this morning to withdraw some money from his bank account. Meanwhile he filled the form for withdraw Rs 5000 rupees . A big mistake did by cashier of JK Bank he gave 50 thousand rupees instead of giving him Rs 5000, the person sitting at the cash counter handed him a bundle of Rs 50000. He put the bundle directly in his pocket and went home. When he wanted to give Rs 5000 to his wife, he came to know



that instead of Rs 5000, the bank had mistakenly given him Rs 50000. Here, when he checked his mobile, he came to know that a message had been sent to him by the bank. Out of that only Rs 5000 has been deducted from his account. In such a situation, he immediately decided to return the extra Rs 45,000 given by the bank to the bank and immediately returned home to the bank. While, he informed some of his colleagues about this after which one or two journalists also reached the bank. In front of whom he handed over this amount of Rs 45,000 to the branch manager of Jammu and Kashmir Bank. Gradually, by evening, this news spread throughout the area and the honesty of Acharya Rajesh Parashar is being discussed everywhere and people are praising him wholeheartedly. Talking in the same context, Acharya Rajesh Parashar said that he is a professional journalist and never compromises with his ideals. His father has also worked in paramilitary forces including the Indian Army. Therefore, his upbringing and values are such that he wants to live his life with self-respect, full of honesty and devotion to duty.

Adv Purnima emphasizes for comprehensive approach to tackle narco-terrorism

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JAMMU, OCT 12

Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson of BJP, Jammu and Kashmir, and former Deputy Mayor, has raised serious concern over the growing menace of narco-terrorism in the Union Territory.

While commending the continuous efforts of the Indian government and its armed forces to maintain peace along the borders and eliminate terrorism, Advocate Purnima Sharma expressed her concerns about Pakistan's persistent efforts to disrupt the peace in Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan, having been thwarted in its attempts to create unrest through traditional means, has now resorted to targeting the youth of the country through narco-terrorism. This is an insidious and dangerous trend that cannot be ignored. Purnima called upon



the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to remain vigilant and resilient in the face of these threats. She urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to provide unwavering support to the security agencies and the government in their collective mission to safeguard the state and its people.

The recent successful operation by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, resulting in the apprehension of eight suspects, is a significant step towards dismantling the narco-terrorism

network. She lauded the efforts of security forces in busting this dangerous nexus. She emphasized that such actions are essential to ensure the safety and well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior BJP leader emphasized that this alarming development underscores the critical need for a comprehensive approach to tackle the narco-terrorism issue. She stressed the significance of bolstering border security, improving intelligence-gathering capabilities, and raising awareness among the youth about the perils associated with narcotics and radicalization. She firmly asserted that it is only through collective and unwavering determination through which we can safeguard the future of the country and maintain peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Postal department Udhampur inaugurates nodal delivery beat

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UDHAMPUR, OCT 12

National postal week is being celebrated by India Post from 9th to 13 Oct in whole country. In a series of various events, today Mail & Parcel Day is organized in Udhampur Head Post Office.

Col Vinod Kumar, PMG Jammu Region, J&K inaugurated a Nodal Delivery Beat (NDB) of the Department of Posts at its Udhampur Head Post Office, under this new arrangement delivery of mails will be done by postman who will go on motorbike. The objective of the

NDB is to ensure the last mile delivery to the doorstep of the customers in fastest mechanized manner. Col Vinod intimated that Udhampur head post office was established in year 1968, since then mail is being delivered by Postmen on bicycle or on foot.

Now, with this new value addition the parcels which are to be delivered in and around the areas of Udhampur will be delivered by using motorbike. Shri Amit Supdt Udhampur said that these parcels mail will be delivered to the customer at their door steps on the

same day of receipt through dedicated postman staff. "Doorstep delivery of service with human touch" is the primary focus said Col Vinod Kumar, the nodal beat delivery functioning to ensure direct, mechanized delivery of parcels to Udhampur peoples on

the same day of receipt at Udhampur Head Post Office. He emphasized that effective delivery of parcels is one of the biggest challenges faced by the department of Posts. The increased volume of parcels needs a change in the manner parcels are delivery. The Nodal

Delivery beat ensure the safe and same day delivery. This newly inaugurated service will benefit the public by getting their parcel at their door step on the same day of receipt at Udhampur HPO. While talking to the media, he intimated that in the present era of advancement

of technology Indian post offices have equipped with high class technology, which enables the delivery in quick time. He also informed that with the help of tracking system now a sender can search the whereabouts of her/his article through a robust system.

DDC Suresh Sharma inaugurates medical camp in Accidental Hospital, Chouki Choura



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JAMMU, OCT 12

A medical camp was inaugurated by BJP senior leader and DDC member Pandit Suresh Sharma in the premises of Chouki Choura Govt Accidental Hospital. A team of doctors from Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, rendered their services in this medical camp, where a large number of people from different areas had reached for examination of health related problems.

Pandit Suresh Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, said that this camp in Chouki Choura is in series of medical camps

being organised throughout the country by Government of India with a motive of selfless service, to reach at the doorsteps of the needy people and help them in their health issues. The second similar camp will be organised in the month of November and third in December this year, he informed.

Besides this, he said that Prime minister Narendra Modi's Ayushman Health scheme is benefitting a large population the Indians. Today a poor family can get treatment in the best hospitals, which is indeed a big relief to them. He appealed all the sarpanches and panches to make aware people in their

areas about the medical camps so that maximum population can avail the benefits.

"As the people from far flung areas who can not go to Akhnoor or Jammu, these medical camps will prove to be an advantage for them because teams of senior doctors from Jammu will be giving their services", he added.

In this medical camp, SDM Chouki Choura Virender Gupta, Block Medical Officer Dr. Samir Khajuria, BJP mandal president Capt B. D. Sharma, Sarpanch Ravi Kumar and a number of panches, sarpanches of the block and people from various villages were present in the medical camp.

Yudhvir reiterates BJP's commitment to inclusive devp



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JAMMU, OCT 12

Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President today reaffirmed the Party's dedication to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cherished mission of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," which focuses on inclusive development without discrimination based on caste, religion, or region.

Yudvir Sethi made this commitment during a public grievances camp held at Pt PremNath Dogra Bhawan in Kacchi Chawni, Jammu. Parveen Kerni, President East Mandal, Ajay Sharma President Bajalta Mandal, Pardeep Singh, Vice President Bajalta Mandal, Arun Sethi General Secretary East Mandal and S Harvinder Singh, Shakti

Kendra Parmukh also accompanied with Yudhvir Sethi.

The camp provided a platform for individuals and delegations from various parts of the East constituency to interact with party leaders and share their concerns. Main issues presented were related to the non-availability of Govt ration, verification of land titles, transformer issues, electric poles, street lights, repair of lanes/roads, job and pension issues, etc.

While giving patient hearing to the deputations, Yudhvir resolved most of the issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on phone. He assured to take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities at the earliest.

The senior BJP leader

asserted that the Party is fully committed to address the day to day problems being faced by the people in general and that of Jammu City in particular. He stressed on the party's sincere attempt to have direct interaction with the masses and provide best possible solutions to their day to day administrative and development issues.

Highlighting the trust placed in the BJP's commitment to addressing public concerns, Sethi mentioned that a significant number of people visit the BJP office to voice their issues, relying on the party to take them up on suitable platforms. He emphasized that party leaders make sincere efforts to address these concerns and work towards resolutions.

Weekly Health Mela organized at Accidental Hospital, Ghagwal



JI NEWS SERVICE
GHAGWAL, OCT 12

Aayushman bhavya camp was today organised at AH Ghagwal in collaboration with AIIMS Vijaypur. Camp was inaugurated by worthy CMO Samba, accompanied by BMO Nud, incharge AH Ghagwal along with BDC and DDC Chairman and all PRI members.

A team of doctors from AIIMS consisting of Endocrinologist, trauma medicine, Gastro surgeon and general physi-

cian, examined about 200 patients during the camp. Awareness was imparted to the general public about the Aayushman bhavya campaign and services being provided under this umbrella. The health educator gave awareness on TB and leprosy. CHO created awareness among people regular lifestyle changes. Prevention of cancer, and Nasha Mukti Bharat and also mental health. Local PRIs actively participated in programme.

Youth achieving vision of dream India under PM Modi: Rekha Mahajan



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JAMMU, OCT 12

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan held a tour in Chowadi Panchayat, of Kunjwani Mandal in Jammu South, today she said that BJP strengthened and progressed the nation with its long-term vision under the vibrant leadership of PM Modi.

Rekha Mahajan interacted with the youths and also listened to public grievances at Chowadi in Jammu South. She was accompanied by Mandal President Kunjwani Ranjeet Singh, Yuva Morcha District President Jammu South Jitendra Salathia, Yuva Morcha Kunjwani Mandal President Vikram Singh, Pawan Singh, Sultan Singh, Ashok Sharma, Devender Sharma, Alkesh Sharma, Booth President Uttam Sharma, Azmer Singh, Rajinder Singh

poppy, Kiran Salathia and others were present on the occasion.

Rekha Mahajan said that the BJP is the only political party that has worked at the ground level, ensured policies that have integrated the whole nation along its length and breadth, and strengthened and progressed the nation with a long-term vision. She said that committed to the basic principle of development of all and development for all, the BJP has empathetically approached the left-out sections of society and made the government accessible to the common masses.

Rekha also shares her experience with the youths of Yuva Morcha and guides them about the initiatives of "Viksit Bharat" across the entire spectrum of the government and brings various stakeholders together. Rekha also boosted the

morale of Yuva Morcha cadres and asked them to intensify the party work in the public domain at ground level at booth level. Giving tips about BJP ideology, Rekha said karyekartas are the backbone of the party. She said Congress, once the biggest party in the country, is on the verge of collapse. Its wrong policies have widened the gap between the rich and the poor.

Rekha added that the nation pulsating with energy and vitality, the youth embody the promise of tomorrow and the key to unlocking the immense potential that lies within India, propelling us towards the realization of our vision for a Dream India by 2047. With passion coursing through their veins and dreams illuminating their path, the youth can wield a transformative force, shaping the destiny of our great nation, Rekha said.

SKUAST-J Scientist received Prestigious International Fellowship

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JAMMU, OCT 12

Dr. Ghanshyam N Jha, Scientist Fisheries, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Doda, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu received prestigious Fellowship award of International Academy "Nepal Aquaculture Society, Kathmandu, Nepal during two days International Conference entitled

"Science, Society & Culture (ICSC-2023)" held at Kathmandu, Nepal during 6-7 October, 2023.

A reputed panel of very senior level International scientists recommended and announced prestigious award to the name of Dr. Jha. This recognition has been conferred to Dr. Jha for his innovative field extension approaches, introduction of new technologies in Doda

district of Jammu & Kashmir, his achievements in the fisheries sector and considering his overall scientific contribution.

Pertinent That Dr Jha has been pioneer in introduction of low cost locally made feed for trout, poly-lining of pond for fisheries & water storage; vegetable based integrated fish farming; ornamental fisheries & aquarium manufacturing as an enterprise, etc., in the district.

CUJ organizes Book Exhibition in Campus

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JAMMU, OCT 12

Central University of Jammu (CUJ) organized Book Exhibition 2023 at the campus from 12-13 October 2023. The exhibition was blessed by the presence of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ. The exhibition was conducted under the guidance of Prof. BS Bhau, Library Incharge and assisted by Assistant Librarian, Ramesh Chander. The main purpose of organizing the book exhibition was to strengthen the collection of the University's library with new titles in the allied fields.

In the exhibition, 10 publishers of national and international reputation participated including M/s Pearson, Narosa, Tata McGraw Hill, PHI, NCBA and S Chand. The exhibition hosted 15 bookstalls having more than 15000 thousand books with past three years publications (2020, 2021 & 2022). The books were mostly focused on management and its allied subjects. It also included books in Eng-



lish and Hindi literature, Humanities, biographies of eminent personalities in all walks of life, and literature on Jammu & Kashmir UT. The exhibition aims to promote the culture of a reading habit among students and instill a love for reading that will last a lifetime for students, faculty members, and staff. This exhibition also facilitates publishers to showcase new and classic book collections to inculcate the reading habit and provide an opportunity to faculty members to recommend books related to the curriculum and new research areas to facilitate building up a rich collection of prestigious publications for Central University of Jammu, Library.

The exhibition witnessed the active participation of students and faculty members. The students got introduced to new topics and the premium publication of top-notch publishing houses which was a great experience for all of them. Many faculty members of the University included the exhibition including Prof. Kusum Kumari, Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Dr. Abhay Kumar Singh, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Umesh kumar Yadav, Dr. Tanuj Teswal, Dr. Ratnesh K Yadav, Dr. Vjinder Singh, Dr. Vandhana Sharma and Dr. Ashish Kumar.

The office and the technical staff of the library helped in the organization of the book exhibition.

Mera Yuva Bharat will empower India's Youth: Kavinder Gupta

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JAMMU, OCT 12

Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister today commended the Modi Government for launching Mera Yuva Bharat, an autonomous body that will serve as an overarching platform for youth development and youth-led development.

In a statement issued here, Kavinder said that Mera Yuva Bharat is a visionary initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that will harness the immense youth energy for nation-building. He said that the platform will provide young people with



opportunities to engage in voluntary work, access resources and opportunities, and become agents of community change.

He said that Mera Yuva Bharat is a testament to the Modi Government's commitment to youth development. He urged all young people to take advantage of this opportunity and to participate actively in the nation-building process.

Kavinder said that the Mera Yuva Bharat will provide young people

with access to a range of resources and opportunities, including skilling and training, employment, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement. This will help young people to develop their skills and potential, and contribute to the nation's growth and development, he added.

"Mera Yuva Bharat will empower young people to become agents of community change and nation builders. The platform will provide them with the tools and resources they need to identify and address challenges in their communities, and to work with others to create a better future for all," he added.

Lecture on Personality Development at 1 J&K Armd Sqn NCC, Jammu



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JAMMU, OCT 12

Punita Jain, Zonal President White Knight AWWA who is a senior educationist, a writer, an editor and a Motivational Speaker of Renown, addressed the NCC Cadets on Personality Development. Mrs Jain gave the Cadets valuable insights into what are the attributes that make a personality and what shapes a personality. What are the essential qualities that a person should strive for in order to be a model and successful citizen of the

Country. The interactive session saw the cadets participating enthusiastically and, in the process, learning precious tips on developing and shaping their personalities. The cadets benefitted immensely from the rich experience of Mrs Jain who has been actively engaged in conducting training and workshops for senior school children. Post delivering the lecture, Mrs Jain informally interacted with the Cadets leaving them motivated and cheerful to face the future.

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai receives Prestigious Award for promotion of tourism potential of Jammu Region

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai has been bestowed with a prestigious award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of tourism. The esteemed accolade was presented by Padmashri, SP Verma and team, a group of distinguished social activists and environmentalists.

Rai's visionary leadership and innovative tourism endeavors alongwith the tireless efforts of all



the officials of Directorate of Tourism, Jammu have earned this noteworthy recognition. His tireless efforts in advancing the promotion and develop-

ment of tourism in the region speak volumes of the endless tourism potential of all the districts of Jammu Region.

In his acceptance

speech, Rai articulated his unwavering commitment to furthering tourism in the region, spanning adventure, pilgrimage, rural and Sustainable Tourism. His ambitious vision seeks to position Jammu as a prominent international tourism hub and he fervently urged the youth to embrace their roles as tourism ambassadors. This award stands as a testament to Vivekanand Rai's exceptional dedication and innovative contributions to the advancement of tourism in Jammu.

DC Poonch launches special drive for saturation of old age & widow pension scheme

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POONCH, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today launched a special drive to ensure the saturation of ISSS Pension (Old age widow/Divyansans) during a virtual mode meeting in his office chamber.

The virtual meeting witnessed the presence of officials, including POICDS(Pooshan) Khalid Hussain Wafa, SDM Mendhar Jahangir Khan, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Naheem Un Nissa Bhatti, AD Food, Waheed Ahmed BDOs, CDPOs, TSWOs, TSOs, District



Manager CSC, and District Social Welfare Officer Mohinder Paul, which convened at the DC Office.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner issued a direction to all officers to achieve 100% saturation of ISSS Pen-

sion within one week. The objective is to ensure that no eligible beneficiary in the district is left out. The Deputy Commissioner further instructed the Social Welfare Department to extend necessary support and guidance to the beneficiaries who require assistance in completing the requisite documents for ISSS pension.

The Deputy Commissioner announced the deployment of CSC computer operators in each panchayat. These operators will be responsible for uploading the beneficiaries' documents and assisting with online form submissions.

Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner urged BDOs, CDPOs, and TSWOs to identify any eligible beneficiaries who may have been inadvertently left out in their respective panchayats. This concerted effort aims to provide comprehensive support and financial assistance to elderly individuals, widows, and people with disabilities in the Poonch district.

In a First, DC Kishtwar hosts an interactive session with Widows/Women in Distress & SHG members

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, OCTOBER 12

In a first, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today presided over an interactive session with widows, women in distress, and members from self-help groups of district Kishtwar.

The session was organized collaboratively by the Department of Social Welfare in partnership with the District Administration Kishtwar and other stakeholders here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Kishtwar.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address to all participants by DWSO Kishtwar, Zubair Ahmed Lone.

A detailed introduction followed, outlining the aims and objectives of the session, with a specific focus on women-centric schemes initiated by the Government was held.

Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Tehsil Social Welfare Officer, and Shanu Rana of the District Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti provided insightful awareness about the women-centric and pensionary schemes offered by the department.

During the interactive session, Deputy Commissioner attentively listened to the grievances expressed by the women participants. He assured dedicated efforts for swift redressal, issuing on-the-spot directives to DWSO Kishtwar to initiate necessary measures for resolution.

Dr. Devansh Yadav emphasized that the district administration is



committed to fostering the empowerment of widows and women in distress and SHGs by providing various livelihood opportunities and financial aid under the aegis of NRLM, s Self Help Groups.

Highlighting self-employment generation initiatives, he encouraged women to explore opportunities such as Tiffin services and winter tuition based on their capabilities. Dr. Yadav urged participants to adopt a proactive approach and avail themselves of the schemes for their greater benefit and the alleviation of their grievances.

The Deputy Commissioner also motivated them to enroll their dependent wards and children in livelihood and skill enhancement training programs initiated by the District Administration for a brighter future. He shared information about an upcoming workshop organized by the District Administration Kishtwar in collaboration with District Employment & Career Counselling Kishtwar and the Tech Mahin-

dra Foundation. The workshop, scheduled for 18th October at GDC Kishtwar, will focus on career opportunities in logistics and allied health sectors.

The Deputy Commissioner encouraged attendees to register their wards for this valuable opportunity.

Additionally, he highlighted a six-month training program in Animation facilitated by the Ministry of Information, inviting the wards to register for this skill development initiative.

In parallel, the District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) enlightened them about crucial resources like the One Stop Centre, Special Cell, and a dedicated Helpline number for women. The DSWO provided information on legal aid services available for women in distress and emphasized the various livelihood opportunities and initiatives accessible to them.

DPM NRLM Mr Umar, official of one stop centre, DHEW besides 159 participants attended the Session.

Chairperson DDC Ramban kick starts blacktopping of road in Sub Division Gool

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, OCTOBER 12

Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr Shamshad Shan today kick-started black-topping of NABARD road from Panchayat Ghar Dalwah to Guralkhud bridge via Government High School Dalwah in Sub Division Gool of Ramban District.

The construction work on 1.5 km stretch will be completed with an estimated cost of Rs. 250 lakh under NABARD.

Addressing the gathering, the Chairperson said that with the completion of the project, a long pending demand of the area will be fulfilled which will go a long way in easing the life of locals.

The Chairperson directed the officers of PWD (R&B) and line Departments to ensure quality and timely completion of construction work which will benefit hundreds of souls of the area.

Among others, AEE, Vimal Sidha, JE Haider Ali, PRIs and locals were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Chairperson along with a team of Floriculture Department also inspected various locations to develop a Floriculture park in Sub Division Gool.

The Chairperson also interacted with the locals and listened to their issues of developmental needs. She also issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned for their early redressal.

Arrangements for Navratras, Dussehra & Maha Navami discussed in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting to discuss and plan the smooth celebration of the upcoming Navratras, Dussehra, and Maha Navami festivals.

In the meeting, a detailed discussion was conducted concerning various aspects of the arrangements including security measures, the provision of safe drinking water, power supply, barricading, first-aid services, sanitation, rate inspections, availability of fire tenders, repair of road potholes and street lights, the illumination of various chowks, garbage collection, deployment of police personnel, and the management of traffic congestion in the town.

Necessary directives



were issued to the heads of different departments to ensure comprehensive arrangements in their respective domains during the festivals. Special emphasis was placed on security arrangements to prevent any untoward incidents during the festive season.

The Xen PHE was tasked with ensuring a consistent supply of drinking water, while the Xen PDD was directed to uninterrupted power supply throughout the festival. In order to

maintain the cleanliness of the town, the Deputy Commissioner directed the CEO MC to take necessary actions and encouraged the cooperation of civil society in keeping the town clean.

With the festive season in mind, a committee was established to conduct extensive market inspections to prevent overcharging by shopkeepers. The general public was advised not to park their vehicles on the roadside. Shopkeepers were

requested to prominently display a price list of all essential commodities for the information of the general public. Traffic Department received instructions to deploy an adequate number of traffic personnel in areas prone to traffic jams to prevent congestion during the festival. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, along with senior officers from different departments and prominent citizens.

DC reviews Swachhcha 3.0, winter preparedness and other developmental works in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, OCTOBER 12

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today convened a meeting of officers of various departments to discuss the action plan for implementing directives from the Chief Secretary J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafiq Ahmed Jaral, Additional SP Anwar-Ul-Haq, Chief Planning Officer Mudassar Yaqoob Zargar, and other senior officers.

In a comprehensive discussion, several important topics were covered, including the Cleanliness Campaign Sites, Planning for Space Management and Beautification of Offices, Scrap and Redundant Items Disposal in accordance with the General Financial Rules (GFR), Handling Public Grievances (CPGRAMS, IGRAMS, and grievances), Review of Files and Weeding of Files, Brashatchar Mukh Bharat, Kalash Yatra, Action Plan for Snow-Prone Areas, Preservation of Heri-



tag Sites, Utilization of Unutilized Departmental Assets such as Buildings and Vehicles, Promotion of Home Stays at Tourist Destinations, and the Management of Pension and Scholarship Cases etc.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of ensuring the full utilization of funds allocated under Centrally Sponsored Schemes within their respective departments. SDMs were instructed to conduct visits to Anganwadi centers, address priority issues, and monitor ongoing projects. Various

departments were directed to focus on cleanliness drives and activities at heritage sites.

DC stressed the need for transparency, efficiency, and accessibility in providing services to the public. She asked the concerned officers to organize awareness camps within their respective areas to inform the public about various government schemes and to maximize their benefits. The DC issued directives to all officers, emphasizing the importance of implementing these decisions effectively in their respective departments.

Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 4.0 organised in Reasi

JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, OCTOBER 12

National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government General Zorawar Singh Memorial Singh Degree College, Reasi has organized 3 Kilometer Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run 4.0. in which 100 NSS volunteers and students of the college participated.

The run was organized under the guidance of college Principal, Dr. Kulvinder Kour in both Men and Women sections under the supervision of NSS Program Officer, Prof. Ajay Kumar. Gaurav Singh of B.A. Semester first got the first position in the event while Vikram Singh Rajput and Yasser Iqbal both from semester first remained in second and third positions respectively in the Men section.

Whereas in the Women's section, Vasudha Devi of B.A. Hons. Semester 5th clinched the first position while Babli Devi of semester first and Payal Devi of semester 3rd remained in second and third spots.

DF&PD GoI organises workshop on 'Route Optimization of TDPS supply chain' at Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, OCTOBER 12

With an aim to streamline the process of Public Distribution System (PDS) and make it more efficient, scalable and cost effective under the upcoming SMART-PDS (a technology driven initiative by Union Government), a workshop was today held on 'Route Optimization of TDPS supply chain' at Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu.

The workshop was conducted by Director (Storage & WE), Department of Food and Public Distribution (DF&PD), Government of India, Mateshwari P. Mishra, with assistance by Shivam Sharma of UNWFP.

The workshop was hosted by Director, FCS&CA Jammu/Nodal Officer, Intra State Route



Optimization, J&K, Rifat Kohli; and attended by General Manager, FCI J&K, Kaushik Das; Assistant General Manager, FCI Jammu, Chief Accounts Officer, Deputy Director(s) and Assistant Director(s) from both the Directorates of FCS&CA, Jammu and Kashmir.

During the workshop, a detailed presentation on optimized route plan viz-a-viz the already existing route involved in the Intra-State movement of goods beginning right from the FCI Godowns finally to the Fair Price Shops enroute

the State warehouses/mills was given by Director (Storage & WE).

The presentation highlighted the optimized route for the entire UT of Jammu and Kashmir which would ultimately lead to reduction in transportation charges thereby bringing down the burden on the State exchequer and would also decrease the time and efforts involved in the transportation of PDS supplies.

During the course of interaction, the prospective issues that might be confronted in the actual

implementation of the optimized route plan were put forth by the officers of Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, J&K and the Food Corporation of India (FCI).

Director (Storage & WE) assured that the concerns raised by the participants would be duly addressed and with the hand holding from the GoI, the UT of J&K should be able to successfully implement the final route optimization plan.

Pertinently, department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), J&K is consistently working in the direction of improvement in the quality standards of food grains that are being delivered to the most vulnerable section of the society through various social security schemes of Government of India.